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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS AT SOVIET CONSTRUCTION SITE, RIVERDALE, NEW YORK

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2.00 AM, JUNE 11, 1974, A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS BURNED AND A TWELVE-INCH PIPE BOMB EXPLODED AT CONSTRUCTION SITE OF NEW SOV QUARTERS IN RIVERDALE, NEWYORK. DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. SHORTLY AFTER THESE INCIDENTS, UP AND REUTERS NEWS AGENCIES RECEIVED CALLS FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE STATING FIRE BOMBINGS WERE PROTEST AGAINST TREATMENT SOV JEWS AND WARNING THAT FIGHT TO FREE SOV JEWS WOULD CONTINUE. EACH ADMONISHMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY SLOGAN "NEVER AGAIN". WOMAN RESIDENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD CLAIMS SHE SAW THREE YOUTHS FLEEING AREA JUST AFTER SHE HEARD EXPLOSION.

2. AT ABOUT 9.30 AM, JUNE 11, AMB SCALI RECEIVED CALL FROM SOV AMB MALIK PROTESTING INCIDENTS AT RIVERDALE. AMB SCALI REGRETTEED INCIDENTS AND ADVISED HE WOULD DISPATCH US MISOFF TO OBTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED.

3. USUN SECURITY OFFICER GLENNON PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO RIVERDALE THERE ENCOUNTERING SOV AMB SAFRONCHUK AND FIRST SECRETARY SKOTNIKOV. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT MISOFF WAS PRESENT AT SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF AMB SCALI TO INITIATE STEPS TO IMPROVE SECURITY COVERAGE OF THEIR PROPERTY. PRESENT AT SCENE ALSO WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL POLICEPRECINCT, POLICE BOMB SQUAD, POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, POLICE BOROUGH COMMAND, FBI, AND CIVILIAN SECURITY SERVICE HIRED BY TISHMAN BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

4. INSPECTION IN AREA OF THE TWO INCIDENTS REVEALED THAT (A) MOLOTOV COCKTAIL HAD BEEN PLACED ON GROUND ALONGSIDE A TOOL SHED WITHIN CONTRUCTION SITE AND ALLOWED TO BURN, RESULTING ONLY IN CHARRED MARKINGS ON SHED AND (B) A TWELVE -INCH POPE BOMB EXPLODED ON TOP OF A METAL CABINET HOUSING ELECTRICAL LINES COMING INTO BUILDING FROM MAIN POWER SUPPLY. CABINET

WAS DAMAGED AND HAD TO BE REPLACED. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO POWER LINES.

EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN WHAT WILL BE SUB-BASEMENT OF BUILDING WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED.

5. A PROPER APPRAISAL OF DAMAGE WOULD HAVE TO BE THAT IT WAS INCONSEQUENTIAL. HOWEVER, FACT THAT THESE TWO ITEMS COULD BE PLACED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND WITHIN THE PARTIALLY COMPLETED BUILDING IS CAUSE FOR SERIOUS CONCERN. ON THIS BASIS, ON-THE-SPOT SECURITY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION SITE WAS MADE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH POLICE, FBI, AND TISHMAN CIVILIAN SECURITY PERSONNEL RESULTING IN FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

(A) IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR THE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF ACRE SOV PROPERTY AT RIVERDALE WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS IN PROGRESS; (B) DECISION WAS MADE TO REDUCE SECURITY PERIMETER TO AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING BUILDING SITE; (C) TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WILL INCREASE CIVILIAN GUARD FORCE AND POST THEM IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO BUILDING; (D) ADEQUATE LIGHTING WILL BE INSTALLED TO ILLUMINATE AREA IMMEDIATLY SURROUNDING CONSTRUCTION;(E) POLICE WILL INCREASE PATROLS IN AREA. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION HAD ADEQUATE LIGHTING AT CONSTRUCTION SITE BUT AFTER STRONG PROTEST FROM RESIDENTS OF AREA WAS FORCED TO DISCONTINUE SAME.

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POLICE THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY RELATIONS BRANCH HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT TISHMAN WHEN LIGHTING OF AREA IS RESUMED BEGINNING PM JUNE 11.

6. BOTH FBI AND POLICE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INCIDENTS AT RIVERDALE. BOMB FRAGMENTS AND METAL CABINET SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY. INTERVIEWS OF AREA RESIDENTS CONDUCTED IN SEARCH OF LEADS.

7. FIRST SECRETARY SKOTNIKOV WAS PRESENT DURING SECURITY

DISCUSSIONS AT SITE AND MISOFF EXPLAINED STEPS TAKEN TO
IMPROVE SECURITY. SKOTNIKOV APPEARED APPRECIATIVE OF CONCERN
OF PART OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES BUT WITH A WAIT-
AND-SEE ATTITUDE.

8. AMB WHITE CONTACTED CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, NEW YORK CITY
POLICE DEPT, MICHAEL LONERGAN, TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER
INCIDENTS AT RIVERDALE AND REQUESTED ADDED POLICE COVERAGE OF
ALL SOV PROPERTIES IN CONJUNCTION
WITH APPROACHING VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO SOVIET UNION.
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